

REMARKS

In the initial Office Action, the drawings were objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 due to poor line quality. As such, Applicant respectfully submits four (4) pages of replacement drawings, namely, Figures 1-10 each labeled "Replacement Sheet".

In addition, the Examiner indicated that Claims 7-11 and 18-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-6, 12-17, and 23-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grumbine in view of the Farah et al., Ley, and Hemmett et al. references.

In view of the Examiner's indications of Allowability, Applicant has amended the claims as follows. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed Claim 7. Claim 8 has been amended to change its dependency. Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed Claim 7. Claim 19 has been amended to change its dependency. Newly added Claim 29 incorporates the subject matter of originally filed Claims 1 and 9. Newly added Claim 30 incorporates the subject matter of originally filed Claims 1 and 12 and 20. Newly added Claim 31 incorporates the subject matter of originally filed Claims 23 and 9. Newly added Claim 32 incorporates the subject matter of originally filed Claims 26 and 9. Claims 7 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice.

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On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant therefore submits that each basis for rejection has been fully addressed, and therefore the Application is in condition for allowance.

Lastly, Applicant acknowledges receipt of the prior art made of record and not relied upon, but considered by the Office Action to be pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. It is Applicant's belief that the cited art, either alone or in combination, does not anticipate, suggest, or make obvious the instantly claimed invention.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. Should any additional fees be due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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